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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
TO THE OFFICE ACTION DATED NOVEMBER 7, 2003**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

March 8, 2004

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated November 7, 2003. A petition for a one-month extension of the period for responding to the Action is being filed concurrently herewith.

Reconsideration and removal of the rejections set forth in the Action are respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.